Violence along Nepal-Mirik Border

1477. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidents of violence occuring along the Nepal-Mirik border;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the month of December, the DIG of Darjeeling was injured in that area and a Nepal policeman had been arrested in that connection;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) There were instances of violence in Manebhanjan and Hilabhanjan areas of Darjeeling in December, 1987. Shri R. K. Handa, D.I.G. of Darjeeling was injured in a firing incident on 10th December, 1987, by suspected GNLF militants. The State Govt. is taking necessary steps to maintain law and order in the area.

Import of colour picture tubes

1478. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries have expressed their desire to buy Colour TV picture tubes from India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present large quantities of CPT's are being imported against Free Foreign Exchange and re-exported to Russia with very little value addition; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) The Indo-Soviet Trade Plan for 1988 provides for export from India of colour picture tubes to the USSR. Exports could be made by established manufacturer-exporters from domestic production. Exports could also be made from the other exporters who could import the components and raw materials from abroad under the Advance Licensing Scheme and export finished goods after prescribed value addition through processing in the country in accordance with the provisions of the Import-Export Policy.

***Projects pending clearance with the Ganga* .Flood Control Commission**

1479. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several projects are pending clearance with the Ganga Flood Control Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects;

(c) when the projects were received;

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these projects; and

(e) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) The principal reasons for the delay in clearance of the projects are:

(i) The schemes are not prepared after adequate investigations and studies as per the prescribed guidelines;

(ii) There is delay in compliance with the comments of the Ganga Flood Control Commission.

(iii) Sometimes encroachment on forest area is involved and so, such schemes are required to be cleared under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.